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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE: SOVIET PRESS ON  
THE THIRD BERLIN MEETING

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1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA TREATMENT OF BERLIN WORKING GROUP MEETING  
OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES SUGGESTS THAT SOVIETS ARE FAIRLY  
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CONFIDENT THAT EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE WILL GET OFF THE GROUND.

END SUMMARY.

2. OCTOBER 12 PRAVDA CARRIES TASS REPORT DATED BERLIN PREVIOUS DAY REPORTING END OF THIRD SESSION OF "WORKING GROUP OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE (CAPITALIZED) OF EUROPE'S COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES." MOST OF THE REPORT LISTS HEADS OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN DELEGATIONS. ACCORDING TASS, WORKING GROUP "DISCUSSED QUESTIONS RELATED TO COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF PREPARING THE CONFERENCE," AND IT WAS "ARRANGED" THAT THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN NOVEMBER 1975 TO "COMPLETE WORK ON THE CONFERENCE DRAFT DOCUMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION AND OF THE OBSERVATIONS AND PROPOSALS MADE BY THE FRATERNAL PARTIES." REPORT CONCLUDES THAT SESSION TOOK PLACE "IN SPIRIT OF FRATERNAL COMMUNIST COOPERATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A DEMOCRATIC BASIS."

3. SOVIET PAPERS ARE OF COURSE FULL OF GDR (AND SED) ADULATION FOR USSR (AND CPSU) IN CONNECTION WITH HONECKER VISIT. PAGE ON WHICH BERLIN SESSION REPORTED ALSO CARRIED QUOTE FROM PRESIDENT OF GERMAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY BOLTZ (PHON) TO EFFECT THAT "ROLE OF SOVIET UNION AS NUCLEUS OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, AS CENTER OF ANTIIMPERIALIST STRUGGLE, IS GROWING EVER GREATER." VISIT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 14 PRAVDA EMPHASIZES PARTY RELATIONS--"CONTINUAL CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE CPSU, ITS RICH EXPERIENCE IN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST CONSTRUCTION ARE AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE FOR GDR COMMUNISTS"--AND THEN PASSES DIRECTLY TO EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE: "THE SED AND THE CPSU STRESSED THE ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF STRENGTHENING THE FIRMNESS OF COMMUNISTS ALL OVER THE WORLD ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM FOR SECURING PEACE AND HUMANITY'S SOCIAL PROGRESS. PROCEEDING FROM THIS, THEY STRESSED THEIR GOAL OF MAKING A MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR AND SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTING THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES."

4. COMMENT. THIS KIND OF PUBLIC PLAY GOES TO THE BRINK OF PREDICTING A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE.  
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WHILE THE SOVIETS WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE SED ATTITUDES TO BE A MODEL FOR OTHERS, WE CONTINUE TO SUSPECT THEY HAVE NOW AGREED TO LET EACH PARTY STAND ON ITS OWN, AND WILL BE CONTENT WITH A CONFERENCE WHICH REGISTERS CPSU PRIMACY BY ITS HAVING TAKEN PLACE AT ALL, RATHER THAN IN ITS DOCUMENTS.  
END COMMENT.

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